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U.S. Blames Cuba for Expulsion of 6 Americans From Mozambique

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WASHINGTON, March 4 — The United States charged Cuba today with trying to force an American diplomat in Mozambique to agree to spy for the Havana Government and then pushing the Mozambican Government to expel him and five other Americans when the effort failed.

The State Department said that Cuban intelligence agents were behind the decision by the Mozambican Government today to order the expulsion of four diplomats and the wives of two of them.

In a statement issued in Maputo, the capital, the Government of Mozambique said that the four diplomats were ordered to leave in 48 hours for "espionage, subversion and interference" in that Government's affairs. The two wives were accused of "carrying out support" for their husbands' work.

This afternoon the State Department said it was "not our normal practice to comment" on such matters, but a spokesman said that he wanted "to draw attention to some extraordinary circumstances."

Forcible Detention Charged

He said that 12 Cuban officials, led by two "senior intelligence officers," identified as Armando Fernández and Manuel Martínez Galán, assisted by Mozambican officials, had "forcibly detained" an American Embassy officer for more than

four hours "while they attempted to recruit him as a spy for Cuba."

"In addition to offering a sizable sum of money, the officer and his family were threatened," the spokesman's statement said.

Hours after this "blatant confrontation," the statement said, the Mozambican Foreign Minister ordered the expulsion.

The State Department said that "very senior members of Cuban counterintelligence" were visiting Maputo at the time. Officials said that staff members of the Covert Action Information Bulletin, an American publication that seeks to identify American intelligence officers, also "were visiting Mozambique."

"We are convinced these facts are not coincidental and that the full scope of Cuban involvement was known to the Mozambican authorities," the department said. "We therefore view this action with the most serious concern."

Ousted Officers Are Named

The embassy officers who were expelled were identified by the Mozambican Government as Frederick Boyce Lundahl and Louis Leon Olivier, both second secretaries; Arthur F. Russel, communications officer, and his wife Patricia F. Russel, political secretary. The wives of Mr. Lundahl and Mr. Olivier were also expelled.